

REMARKS

In the present Amendment, Applicants present pending claims 21-37 for consideration by the Examiner. Claims 1-20 are canceled.

In the Board of Appeals decision of October 10, 2000 in prior application no. 08/334,733, the Board affirmed the rejection of claim 1 as anticipated by Mansell. The Board stated that claim 1 "does not recite the 'freight yard' as a positive element of the claimed system." (Decision, page 11.) Claim 21 presented herein is a representation of the aforementioned claim 1 with this deficiency corrected.

Claim 29 presented herein represents claim 11 from prior application no. 08/334,733, which was discussed and allowed by the Board (Decision, page 17), but was omitted from the issued patent.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions, comments, or suggestions, the undersigned earnestly requests a telephone conference.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the required fees, if any, to Conley Rose, P.C. deposit account no. 03-2769/5863-00301.

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